

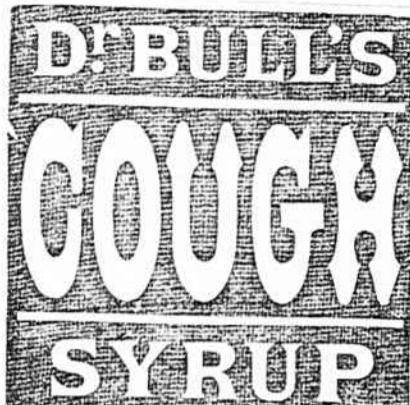
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MESMERIZED IN COURT.

The Court of Appeals in Paris has been the scene of a most curious and remarkable spectacle. A young man named Didier was lately arrested for an offense in the Chamber of Deputies and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. In prison he was examined by Drs. Mettet and Mestrel, who will now give special issue in mental diseases, who reported that he lived in a state of constant somnambulism, the attack of which can be provoked at will. The case was heard on appeal, and the judges were about to withdraw to consider their verdict when the doctors offered to confirm the statement made in their report by practical experiments on the spot. The Bench concurred, and then occurred the following singular scene, described by the Paris Correspondent of the London Standard: Dr. Mettel, followed by the magistrates and the police, retired into a side room. Here, by the use of means of rapid passage of the hands before his eyes and a ring for dizziness, the unhappy "suicid" was insensate. Didier was then left in charge of two of the Municipal Guards on service, the doctors and the judges returned to the court and the door of the room was shut. Dr. Mettel now called the prisoner by his name. The next second a fatal case was heard. It came from the sick young man. A few minutes before a touch of the finger would have almost knock him over, so feeble and exhausted was he. Now, under the influence of magnetism, he was like a raving lunatic. The guards who held him by the wrists so rushed at the door, broke it open and knocked down everybody in its path, ran up to Dr. Mettel. Here he suddenly stopped and fixing his eyes on his mesmericizer, turned them back to look at a master criminal to see. Shocks of horror then ran through the court. The Doctor then set to work. "Undress yourself," said he to the prisoner. Lo and behold! Didier had slipped his waistcoat and his garments. "There is a still actio," said Dr. Mettel, and, as in the present occupied with some high-mingled mystery. The experiment apparently concluded, Dr. Mettel took a walk around the room. The Doctor then said to the prisoner: "I am your friend." Dr. Mettel then said: "I was very interested in you, and with your assistance I rapidly won a hundred thousand francs; now, however, and the young man is going to the lawyer for protection like a child. The bench, however, was not convinced and appeared to look upon the whole affair as a comedy. Doctor Mestrel, in his turn, now opened the prison door. Having met Dr. Mettel, he ordered him to write from memory a letter addressed to him while in prison. Didier replied: "I cannot, because I am in prison." The Doctor inquired whether the prisoner sat down with his hands and wrote word by word, the latter in question without a single mistake. While he was writing Dr. Mettel took a needle out of his instrument case and pricked it into the young man's hand, but he felt nothing. By this time, however, the Bench had seen enough of these painful experiments and some of the audience crying out "Ave! si estez!" the sitting court at an end. The court, considering the prisoner was responsible for his acts, quashed the verdict of the lower court and the unhappy man was discharged.

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